

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 3, line 5 with the following:

In the process according to the invention, cathode off-gas which is diluted with a molecular oxygen containing external oxidant stream which comprises at most 20% | (v/v)\_of nitrogen, and oxidised anode off-gas are fed to the cathode chamber. The anode off-gas is catalytically oxidised with relatively pure oxygen, i.e. cathode off-gas and/or the external oxidant stream. Thus, the amount of nitrogen or other inert gases in the system is minimised, resulting in an oxidised anode off-gas stream which contains mainly carbon dioxide and water. From this stream, highly concentrated carbon dioxide can easily be withdrawn after separation of the water from it, e.g. by condensation.